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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: **First day of issue — 10 December 2001: "United for Peace" stamps and annual collection folders**

Commemorative stamps

1. On Monday, 10 December 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue three commemorative stamps on the theme "United for Peace" to mark the awarding of the 2001 Nobel Peace Prize to the United Nations and the Secretary-General. The date of issue coincides with the presentation of the award in Oslo.

* Expiration date of the present information circular: 21 December 2001.

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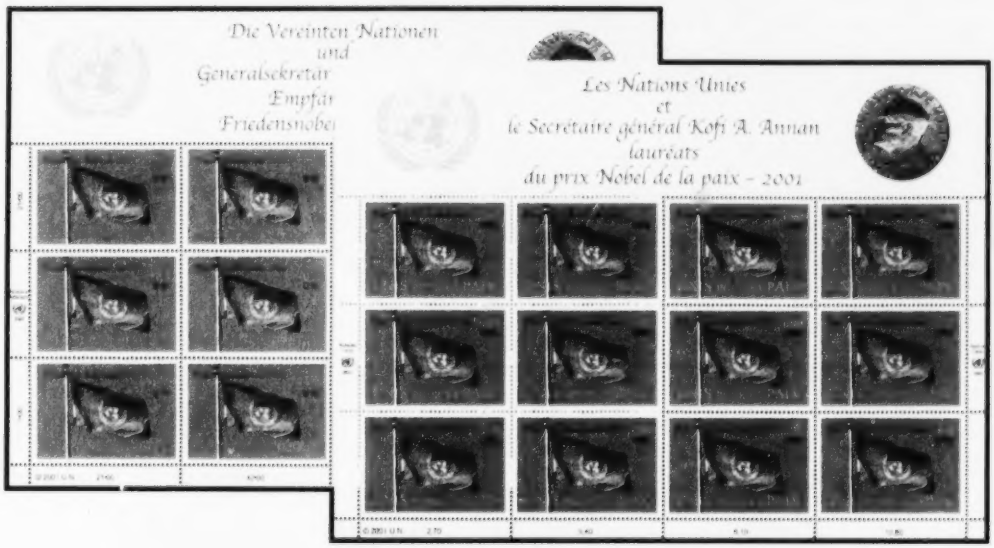
2. The stamps, in denominations of $0.34, Sw F 0.90 and S 7/†0.51, were designed by Robert Stein (United Nations). The sheets of 12 stamps will have an oversized border at the top with the Nobel Peace Prize medallion and the official emblem of the United Nations flanking the text:

"United Nations
and
Secretary-General Kofi A. Annan
Recipients of
The Nobel Peace Prize — 2001".

(United States equivalents — Sw F 0.90: $0.51 and S 7/†0.51: $0.44, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)



Limited edition special folders

3. "United for Peace" limited edition special folders (2001) from New York, Geneva and Vienna will be issued by UNPA on 10 December 2001. Each folder is sequentially numbered and contains one full miniature sheet from the respective office, as well as a full sheet stamp mount. The text of the citation of the 2001 Nobel Peace Prize that will be awarded to the United Nations and the Secretary-General is also included in the folder. Quantities are limited and the special folders for New York and Geneva will be available while supplies last. Notwithstanding the question of availability, the last day of sale for special folders from the Vienna office will be 30 June 2002.

2001 annual collection folders

4. The New York, Geneva and Vienna annual collection folders of single mint stamps and souvenir sheets issued in 2001 will also be released on 10 December 2001. It should be noted that the 2001 Endangered Species series stamps **will not** be included in the individual New York, Geneva or Vienna annual collection folders. They are contained in their own separate album previously issued in February 2001.

2001 flag series folders

5. In addition, the 2001 flag series folder will be released on 10 December 2001. One of each of the eight flag stamps issued in 2001 will be included with each album, together with the appropriate mounts.

General information

6. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Monday, 10 December 2001, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

7. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

8. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.